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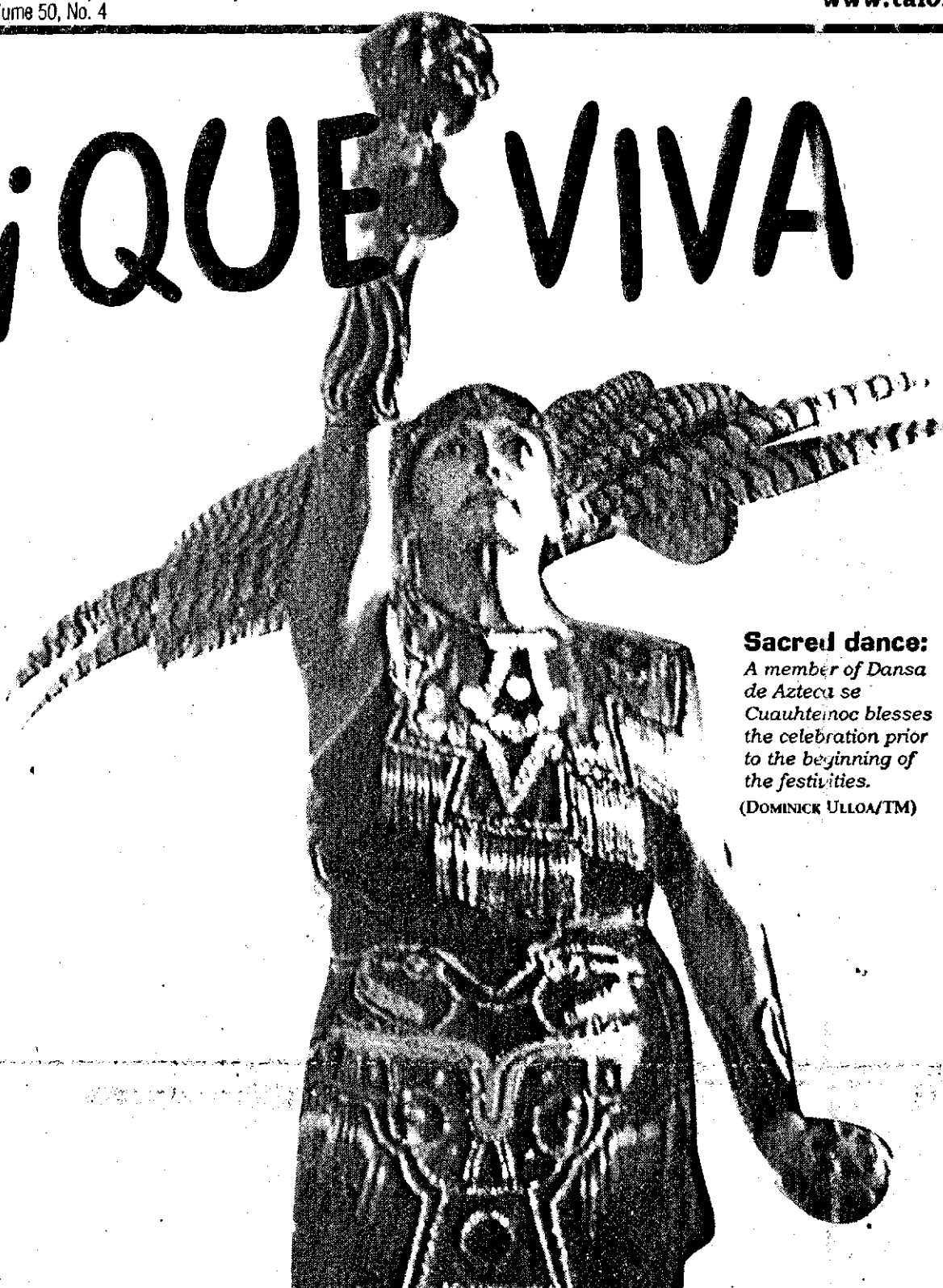
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¡QUE VIVA LA FIESTA!



Sacred dance:
A member of Dansa de Azteca se Cuauhtemoc blesses the celebration prior to the beginning of the festivities.
(DOMINICK ULLOA/TM)

❖ M.E.Ch.A. puts on party with a purpose: to educate, to celebrate, and to inform.

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Music, a large crowd, vendors and passionate cheering are what encompassed the End-Dependence Celebration on Sept. 16 hosted by M.E.Ch.A. at the Cerritos College Student Center.

The night of celebration included a group called Dansa de Azteca se Cuauhtemoc. The dancers were cheered on passionately from the first beat of its native Mexican drums to the last formation dance.

Musically, the night had many different flavors.

It went from native dance music to popular Mexican country and contemporary salsa and ballads to a more hip Spanish rock sound to finish the night.

Besides the dance group, two other musical acts and a DJ, though, the night wasn't all music.

Assistant professor, Walter Fernandez, made a speech that moved many people and made others think about what the night's purpose was. "He was really good. I felt like he was saying a lot of things I was feeling," Maria Cuevas, Undecided major said

after Fernandez' speech.

The vendors in the rear part of the Student Center were also a big hit. "This is great. I love looking at this stuff," Cuevas added about the vendors merchandise.

From necklaces and other jewelry to shirts and classic Mexican refreshments, there was a lot to see from more than 12 vendors at the event.

"The event's underline purposes, aside from the celebration, was to teach and promote culture," said Carlos Jimenez, Philosophy major and President of the M.E.Ch.A. club on campus.

The organization believes in improving society through education, motivation and helping 'La Raza' move up in class and social steps in the world.

M.E.Ch.A. wasn't the only group out there. PUENTE and Project Hope were also supporting the club in its goals and helping those find out more about their perspective programs.

Despite the positive attitude towards all the parts of the event, the biggest hit was the music. "The best part is the music," said Ray Abudeye, Business major and Puente member about what his favorite part was.

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- Carlos Jimenez, Philosophy

Water main breaks, school shuts down

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Sandbags lined the gutter of the Cerritos College C-6 parking lot after it became flooded due to a water main break, forcing the college to cancel classes and close the campus Sept. 17.

"I was informed that the president had cancelled classes due to a water problem," Maureen Smith, adjunct faculty/SEM Division said.

Construction of the new Math and Sciences building was brought to a halt as crewmembers worked to repair a water main that broke around 7 a.m. as a result of digging

done by a backhoe tractor.

"We were excavating and hit a main water line," Danny Pinard, Superintendent / Kemp Bros. Construction said. "When the line cracked, water shot up and we had to shut off the valves to stop the water. Nobody was hurt and there was no danger; we had it contained within 20-30 minutes."

There were no markings put into the area where subcontractor Neubauer Electricians were digging for electrical lines, leaving the backhoe operator unaware that a water main was below.

"No markings were made

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Go, go, Franco: web site!

❖ ASCC President launches new homepage for students.

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With a new semester comes the birth of a new web site offered to the students of Cerritos College.

GoCerritos.com offers an innovative look at student life, specifying in government and extracurricular activities aimed at Cerritos College students.

The site breaks off into three different sections: student resources, associated students, and extracurricular activities.

Student resources offers information of programs offered by Cerritos College, from student housing, food services, to information

about the health center and bookstore.

The site also features the services and programs provided by the Associated Students of Cerritos College such as Homecoming, Hoe Down Days, leadership conferences, and discount movie tickets.

The Associated Students section promotes students getting involved with the college, from joining one of the several clubs on campus to becoming a Peer Counselor or tutor.

There is also a calendar detailing upcoming events at Cerritos College from Sept. to May.

This section also describes the goals and objectives of the ASCC as well as information about cabinet members and where they can be reached.

It offers documents such as the ASCC constitution, by-laws, and budget that are available for download.

The last section is the extracurricular activ-

ities, which further details clubs and organizations within the campus.

Such details include a list of clubs, sponsors of events, and even how to start your own club.

Furthermore, it gives links to Cerritos sports, for both men and women.

Mini features of GoCerritos.com is a 3D map of the campus, and links to the Cerritos College web site, Talon Marks, WPMD (Where People Make a Difference) radio, and "dual r design."

Josh Franco, ASCC President, runs GoCerritos.com and gives a couple of reasons as to why the site was created.

"There were two reasons. One was that I wanted to fulfill a promise to the students of creating this web site, and the other was the need to have this kind of site for the students," Franco says. "I am very pleased with this web site."

Falcons get free HIV testing at health bus



No wrong answer: Students give information before taking the HIV test.

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Students lined up in front of the Arts and Crafts building for free HIV tests and condoms provided by the Los Angeles County Health Services last Wednesday.

Albert Washington, Community Outreach Worker, passed out HIV informational pamphlets and prophylactics to interested students from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"A lot of students come in and take advantage of the free and confidential services," Rosemary Abellar, Nurse Practitioner/Cerritos College Student Health Services said.

The health bus makes regularly scheduled visits to the campus to test students for Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus, a

virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Early detection of the virus can lead to better care and quality of life for those who test positive for HIV/AIDS.

"Students are given a choice for how the test is performed," Abellar said. "They can have blood drawn or have an oral cheek swab." Results are available in one week.

"The bus comes back in a week and students go to the bus to obtain their confidential results," Elizabeth Rodriguez, secretary/Cerritos College Student Health Services said.

The health bus has campus visits set up through 2005. The next visit is Oct. 20.

"Students can contact the Student Health Center on campus for a complete list of testing dates," Abellar said.

Board meets to determine officer's employment status

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The Board of Trustees discussed several important topics such as the proposed budget for the 2004-2005 school year as well as the Peoplesoft program this past Wednesday.

Bob Epple, board member, presented that, "the Board took action in closed session to suspend a classified employee titled Police Officer for 30 days without pay and to the direct preparation of a written decision in the matter."

The vote was a unanimous 6-0. The presentation of the proposed budget, to be voted upon by

the next Board meeting, was the bulk of the session.

Jo Ann Higden, Consultant to the Board and Lola Rizkallah, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the proposed budget.

They reported that there was good news such as growth in the budget and bad news such as spending \$3.6 million in "funny money," or money spent questionably.

There was also cautionary news reported by Higden, who stated that the state is in an unstable fiscal condition, which could affect Cerritos College adversely.

"The state could do 'take

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Festivities held in
City of Norwalk

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women were competing for the title of queen. After weeks of rehearsals to perfect stage presence, dining etiquette and diction, the contestants would have the opportunity to present a three-minute speech, and answer a random question. They also had to display regional ethnic dress to a panel of five judges consisting of:

- Ben Cardenas - Deputy District, Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
- John Hackney - Interim CEO, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
- Ginger Shattuck - Superintendent, Norwalk - La Mirada Unified School District
- Beatriz Sosa - Miss 16 of September 2003
- Dr. Noelia Vela - President, Cerritos College

The speeches were about what Mexican heritage meant to the contestant and her choice of costume was indicative of a region that most suited her.

"The contestants worked feverishly to present speeches for you," Melody Baca, pageant coordinator said. "This contest inspires public speaking and ethnic pride."

The audience was entertained by Ollen Folklorico Dancers while the judges made their decision.

The new Miss 16th of September 2004 is Juana Hernandez, a 17-year-old John Kennedy High School student.

"I'm excited," Hernandez said, "I plan to set a positive example by promoting higher education."

First runner up was Cerritos College student, 17-year-old Jacqueline Ramirez. Second runner up was Cal State Fullerton student, 20-year-old Christina Rodriguez.

"The highlight of the competition was the excitement in the contestant's eyes," Mike Mendez, Norwalk city councilman said.

After the pageant, a luncheon was provided by Rosewood's Restaurant. Contestants, family and friends feasted on tamales, rice, beans and salsa.

Mid-afternoon the festival began. Numerous booths were set up including tortilla making, face painting, raspados (snow cones), and a loteria game.

"I've never done this before, it feels cool," 11-year-old Heather Thompson said as she made tortillas for the first time.

A stage was set up in the center of the lawn and most of the crowd gathered to watch the various shows that were scheduled. Around 3 p.m. the audience cheered as three men on horseback presented the Mexican flag to an American color guard as Cindy Luna sang the American and Mexican national anthems. Most of the crowd rose to their feet and repeated after Luna when she cried, "Viva Mexico!"

"This is a day for the people of Mexico to celebrate independence," Manuel Ramirez, a Juana Juato, Mexico native said.

Folklorico dancers mesmerized the crowd with bright colored, twirling skirts, moving in sync to traditional songs.

The "Tony and Coco Salsa Dance Team" spiced the stage up with the motions of salsa dancing. The petite Coco wore a flashy, silver top, black dance pants and black high heels as she shimmered effortlessly under Tony's lead.

The sounds of Latin jazz filled the stage as "Chevere", a salsa band, got the crowd going by shouting, "Que vive, Mexico!"

The crowd responded to the band's pulsating beats by filling the dance floor. A woman took her shoes off on the dance floor and kicked her feet to the music.

The band interacted with the audience who cheered and danced.

"We were supposed to take a break 15 minutes ago," said the bandleader, "we're still playing because the crowd is so good."

"We've had around 500-1000 people throughout the full day," Lee Bilby, Senior Officer of Norwalk Public Safety, said. "It was a good crowd."

The diverse crowd enjoyed the festival atmosphere. Rick Ramirez, Norwalk city councilman appreciated the diversity.

"This is a unique celebration with lots of resident participation," Ramirez said, "it's more community than one ethnicity."



DOMINICK ULLOA/IM

Little lake: Water is being pumped out the flooded construction site after the water main broke.

WATER:

Campus closes due to
water main mishap

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because no water pipe was evident on the dimensions given on the drawings provided to us by the school," Rick Zarp, General Superintendent, Kemp Bros. Construction said. "We were going

on old drawings."

Water had to be turned off while repairs were made resulting in no working bathroom facilities or classroom fire sprinklers.

The campus was closed around 10 a.m.

"It sucks, plain and simple,"

Casey Flanagan, Culinary Arts, said. "I had to wake up at 6:30 a.m. to get here by 7 a.m. Ten to 15 minutes into class, my boss said we had to get out of there."

The broken pipe was not

expected to delay construction to the new building and the repair was predicted to be finished by the end of the workday.

"Nothing unforeseen, it's a simple fix," Pinard said.

Students reacted to the unexpected day off while waiting for rides near the parking lot.

"It's really not a free day," Diana Nava, Culinary Arts, said. "We get less practice and our learning is interrupted."

BOARD:

Trustees discuss
PeopleSoft program

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backs," Higden said, referring to any unused portions of state issued grants.

There were also many questions about the Peoplesoft program. One concern was if there were "any monies set aside for protection from hackers," voiced board member, Eric Gutierrez.

Asked if there was any money provided by Homeland Security,

John Grindel, Vice-President/Academic Affairs and in charge of the Peoplesoft project, stated that money was set aside to implement firewalls and filters.

Dr. Noelia Vela, President of Cerritos College, concurred with Grindel, adding that Peoplesoft security is to take a "proactive stand as opposed to a reactive position." Vela also said that Cerritos College Campus Police is searching for grants to pay for further protection against such an attempt.

Bob Verderber, Board Secretary, said the budget showed that programs such as Cosmetology and Culinary Arts are spending more than they are tak-

ing in.

Verderber also said that the funds should be self-supporting, which Vela later informed that these programs were in fact self-supporting.

Dr. Ted Edmiston, board member, brought up parking and the fact that they should be looking at future parking lot resurfacing and making necessary changes to accommodate the new building. "Students are paying for maintenance but is the money going in adequately sufficient for projected expenditures?" Edmiston asked.

There was no answer to that question, but the general consensus was that it should be found.

Man handcuffed in Student Center

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Four police officers responding to a suspected theft handcuffed and detained a man at the entrance to the student center Sept. 20.

Ron Singh was uncuffed after

officers determined he was not a suspect.

"I'm really busy, I can't talk," Singh said as he quickly exited the building.

Officers on the scene referred questions to Sergeant Renato Reyes.

"I can't talk about it right

now," Reyes said when questioned about the situation.

Shortly after, the officers got into their vehicles and drove away.

"I can't comment because I'm unaware of the incident," Lieutenant Richard Bukowiecki said from his office at the campus police station.

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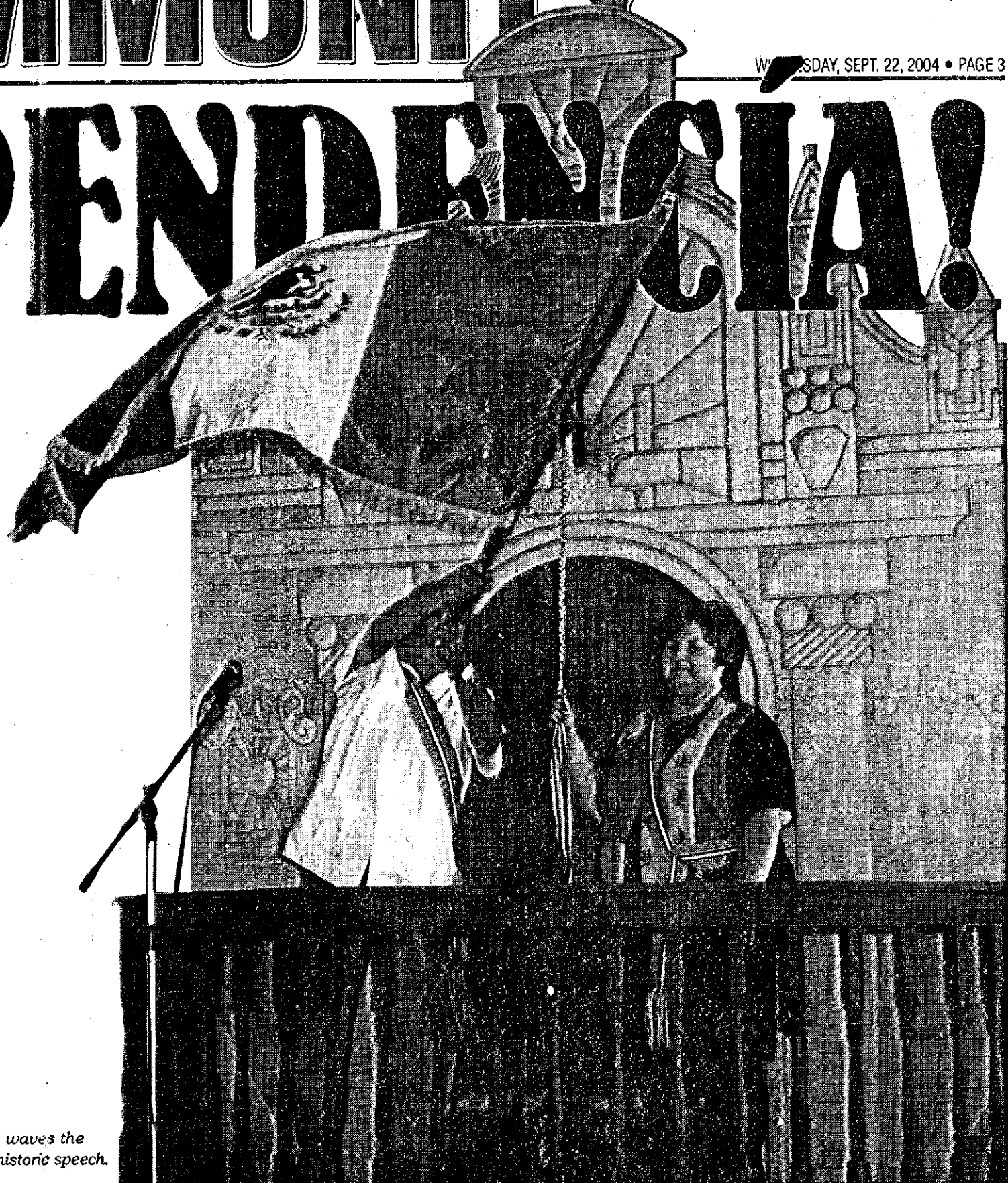
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¡INDEPENDENCIA!

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Fun Time: Salma Cuara makes a paper toy at one of the many craft booths available to festival goers.



RIGHT - Waving for liberty: Jesse Luera, Norwalk City council member, waves the Mexican flag while Cheri Kelley, City Mayor, rings a church bell to reenact Hidalgo's historic speech.



FAR LEFT
Forever young:
Eterna Juvena Folklorico
Dancers entertain the
crowd.



LEFT
Newly crowned:
Juana Hernandez (cen-
ter), winner of the Miss
16th of September pag-
eant, poses with her
court, first runner up,
Jacqueline Ramirez (right)
and second runner up
Cristina Rodriguez (left)



❖ City of Norwalk hosts festival to celebrate Mexico's Independence.

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Hundreds of people cheered as Norwalk city councilman Jesse Luera, waved the Mexican flag and shouted, "Mexicanos, Viva Mexico!" while Mayor Cheri Kelley rang a church bell in a symbolic reenactment of Father Miguel Hidalgo's victory speech during the city of Norwalk's Mexican Independence Day Celebration this last Saturday.

"This is a huge event and the community comes out in force," Kelley said.

Community members enjoyed a festival set up on the lawn of Norwalk City Hall for the day-long celebration which included music, dancing, an art show, food, games

and the crowning of the new "Miss 16th of September" and her court.

"Sept. 16 is the true Mexican independence day," said Kelley. "Norwalk is 65 percent Hispanic and recognizing this day allows us to experience and learn about the culture."

On Sept. 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo, a Catholic priest, rang a church bell and called for a Mexican revolution against the Spanish who had taken control of Mexico. Hidalgo is known as the father of Mexican Independence.

Norwalk has celebrated Sept. 16 for 30 years, beginning with a small group of citizens gathering at the Norwalk social services center to honor the day.

"Community residents started the celebration," Luera said. "Over time it grew so big [that] we had to move it to City Hall."

The day began with the "Miss 16th of September" pageant in which 10 young

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LEFT - Waiting her turn: Jacqueline Ramirez takes a moment for herself before the competition. Ramirez won first runner up.

RIGHT - Caught off beat: A member of the Mariachi Juvenil De Norwalk pauses for the camera while his bandmates keep playing.



EDITORIAL

A message for those who care...



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As many of you might already know, a little over a year ago, a campus police officer was pulled over and charged for driving under the influence.

The officer has been on suspension for close to a year, and the Board of Trustees recently deliberated upon whether to keep him employed as a campus police officer or letting him go.

What we would like is for the students of Cerritos College to attend the Board meetings.

We are asking for all those students that are reading this editorial to attend the meetings.

Listen to what goes on during these meetings so that you are informed of what things are being done and not done.

The time has been long overdue for students to stand up and say that we will be heard instead of staying quiet and watching topics that affect us pass by.

These board meetings are held every other Wednesday, unless otherwise stated, at 6 p.m. in the board room.

The main job description of the Board members is to serve the students of Cerritos College by being the guardians and gate keepers of everything that pertains to the school. Members that were elected by our community.

They meet every other week to discuss the issues that revolve around our school's community.

Every two weeks they make decisions on issues ranging from how many copiers the school needs, to hearing an update on the progress of the modernization or reconstruction



of a certain building.

There are many topics and issues that are discussed which affect the school in some form or another.

Sometimes they seem to be uninteresting topics to us students but at other times they could be major issues.

The fact of the matter is that things that are being discussed at these meetings could affect us in the near future.

As a member of the Cerritos College community you should at least attend a few of these meetings rather than complaining afterward

about the decisions that were reached during each one of these sessions.

There is more to being a part of a school than joining clubs or doing student activities like homecoming and Mr. Cerritos.

Although these are great ways of showing school spirit they are not the only venues for the students to show concern.

These activities happen every year and they do little to nothing to address any of the issues that go on in this college.

So let's be more responsible about the issues that affect the quality

of our education.

We as students can be heard at these meeting and we can express any concerns we may feel the board should know.

The Board could be discussing the elimination of a certain important item that you would like to keep in the school. But the point of going to these meeting is to be better informed about what is going on in the school rather than finding out about something that's all ready been done.

After all if it was not for the students of this campus there would not be a school at all.



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More freedom means more Emmys

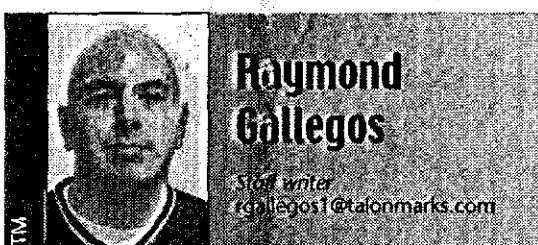
❖ HBO takes home 32 golden statuettes by the end of the ceremony.

It must be have been deja vu, last Sunday the Emmy awards were once again dominated by HBO.

At the end of the night HBO took home 32 Emmy's that pales in comparison with the runner up, Fox, which only took 10.

Network television writers have limits they must follow. They need to have their scripts and story lines approved for the greater American viewing audience.

HBO writers have creative freedom which is what makes their network shows so much better than network television and I do not see HBO's dominance over the Emmy awards' ending anytime soon.



I personally cannot watch the crap that is put on network television any more, I only tune in to watch sports.

I was most happy to see "The Sopranos" take home best dramatic series for the first time, after "The West Wing" dominated the category for four years.

Even after 89 nominations the, "The Sopranos" still deserves more accolades.

I was impressed to see that not only was the writing honored, but also the acting of Drea de Matteo for supporting actress as well as Michael

Imperio for supporting actor.

If you watched the last season of "The Sopranos" you would know that these two characters stole the spotlight in the season-ending climax.

With the freedom to do whatever, the HBO staff keeps churning out best direction in "Deadwood", best acting in "The Sopranos" and "Sex and the City."

HBO even broke an Emmy record with its miniseries, "Angels in America," which won 11 Emmy's. No single television show has ever achieved this.

My favorite show, "The Wire," wasn't even nominated. Last year it was a critically acclaimed series, and the critics who gave it such high ratings wondered why it was not nominated. I guess it is too graphic for the Emmy judges to even consider. Despite the fact that it has such superb writing and even greater acting by the cast.

Keep books off the screen and on the shelves

❖ Why let filmstrips limit our imagination and curb the human mind?

Over the last few years, there has been a great deal of competition between the book version and the movie version of stories.

We have blockbusters like the "Harry Potter" series and the "Star Wars" series among others such as "A Walk in the Clouds," "Holes," and the "Notebook."

These movies have attempted to make a vision to the written story.

Can a movie surpass the imagination of the human mind?

The best example of the challenge of a book adapted as a movie was the "Harry Potter" series. Each of the three movies has attempted to permanently capture Harry Potter's world on films, but did filmmakers hit the mark?

Some will say that the three movies came close to the given vision to the words of J.K. Rowling.

Others feel that the movies fall short of hitting this mark.

I think that no matter how good the movies



are made, no film can give full justice to the great words of Ms. Rowling.

The human imagination has no limitations. The only limitations are those which we place on it.

As I have spent much time reading books that have later been turned into a movies.

I find it strange that I may love the movie, when I always find something wrong with the filmmaker's point of view. I'll see a scene and say that was not how I envisioned it.

I'll read a news story about how a story has been cast wrongly, and questioned whether someone else would do the book more justice along with the roles portrayed.

Is it just human nature to only see things from our own point-of-view?

Maybe the real problem is that any film based on a book is often limited to a single per-

son's ideas about the book itself.

Each person may see things differently from others.

One person might have a different mindset, after all, we don't all think alike. As Obi-Wan Kenobi told Luke Skywalker, "It's a matter of your point of view."

The way I interpret things is colored by my numerous life experiences.

No two people can have the same experience and will view things quite differently. But does this fact mean films based on books are bad?

I would say no, they have their place.

The "Harry Potter" series has clearly shown that a really good book can be a great adventure and that a movie lets us see someone's vision.

People have to be open to all view points and all sides of a story.

It's clear that not all people can understand how a sweet blond haired, blue-eyed boy can grow up to become the most evil villain in the universe.

The truth is that in a universe where anything can happen, there exist no impossible situations.

So long as the reader can believe the world

CAMPUS COMMENT

"What do you think of Arnold vetoing the raise in minimum wage?"

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"I think it's a good idea that he did veto because some jobs may not be able to pay their employers a higher wage and may end up cutting their hours or worse lay off people"

ALEJANDRA RUBI
Undecided Major



"I think it's a good idea because if the minimum wage increases so will everything else."

BRITNEY PINA
Cosmetology



"I think it's dumb, they should raise the minimum wage since the cost of living in California is high."

DAVID GONZALEZ
Psychology



"I think it's dumb since the increase in wage will help out a majority of people."

JASMINE JAFARI
Engineering



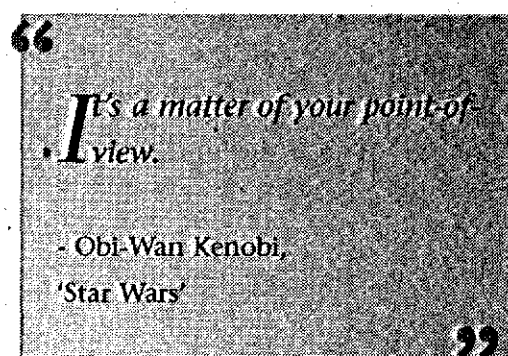
"I think it sucks since everyone works it effects me and my peers."

LIZ RAMIREZ
Nursing



"I'm mad he should at least raise it a quarter."

MICHAEL HIGGINS
Physical Therapy





Through the worst, I'll prevail

It's tough but, life will go on with or without you



How often are we left with the feeling that something is missing deep within our hearts? Some of us feel it more than others.

Whatever the case may be we've all felt it at one point in our lives.

The problem is no one knows how to deal with it.

I myself, at this very moment, am suffering from one of, if not the biggest, case of heartbreak I've ever felt.

What to do? I have no idea. I've sat in my room listening to the Deftones "Change (In the house of flies)" over and over trying to make my feelings better and get my heart in order.

Like an expensive vase shattered into thousands of pieces, I'm using the music and this article as a glue to begin my reconstruction process.

Pondering things such as "What did I do?" and "Friends? You can't be serious." She obviously does not realize

how much of a hell I'd be living in as a "friend."

We all feel lost when in this position. I didn't think it was physically possible but this both sucks and blows all at once.

We will always be dwelling on the question "what do we do when we find our perfect (yes perfect) match and then she's taken away without warning?" Someone should let us know what the answer to all these questions is.

However each person needs to deal with his or her own particular case of heartache in a way that actually works for that individual.

How do I cope? Deftones and video games.

There is nothing like killing alien infidels in Halo and listening to Chino and the boys blast out with guitars.

Their beats and rhymes make me feel better. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not bitter or angry, just hurt.

This girl is the biggest sweetheart ever. There will never be another like her.

To quote a line from the afore mentioned song, "I watched you change."

I did watch you change. Someone whom I never thought would ever in a

million years want to spend her time with me.

Someone so beautiful both inside and out. A person I knew I was meant to be with even if only for a few months.

Life will go on with or without you as much as I wish it was with. Sadly I'm going to have to do without.

It's a thought that brings tears to my eyes and I'm not afraid to admit it.

From the moment you walked in that newsroom door.

To our first kiss at the beach. From when we danced the night away at prom. To the good times we had at the Tenor show.

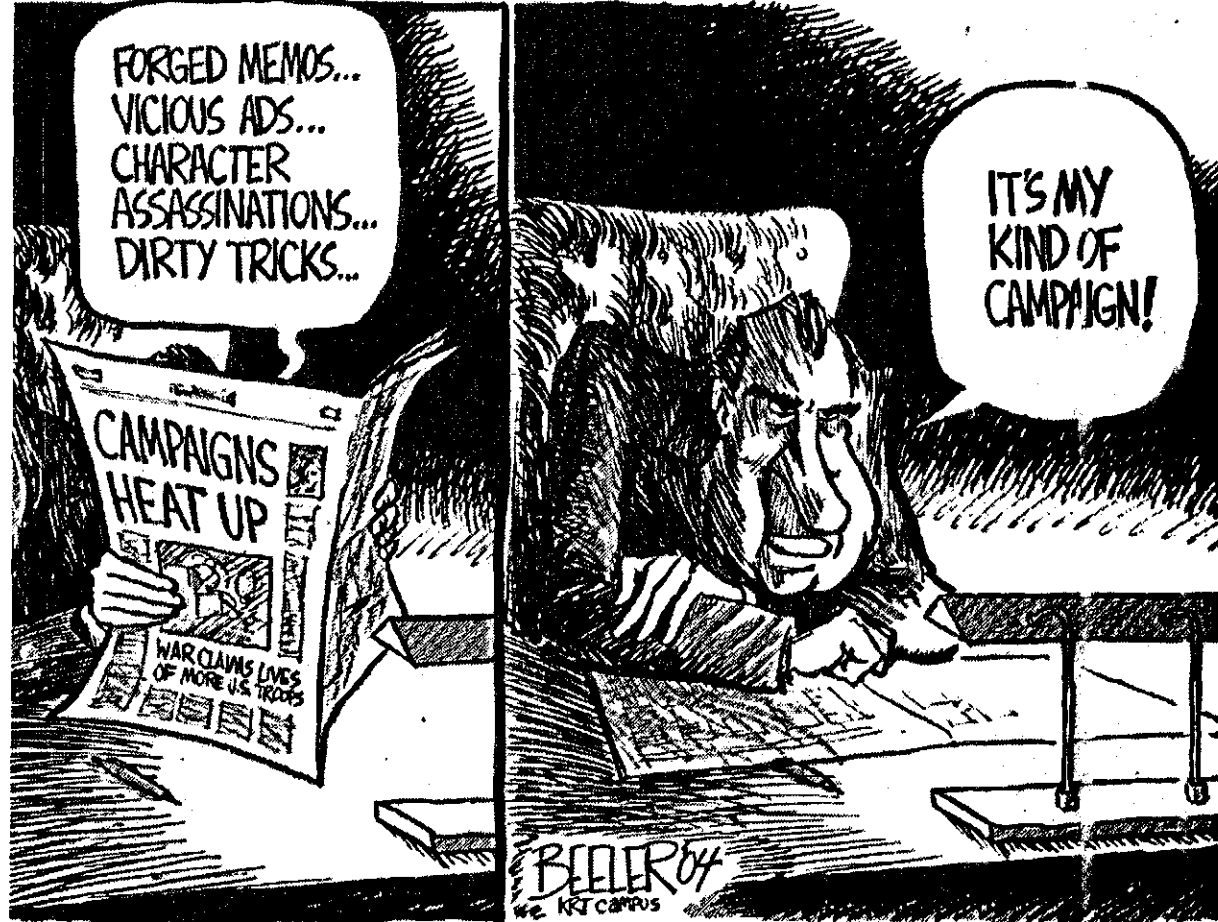
From our "scare," to all the damn starbucks we drank.

From all the fun we had the last time I was at your house.

To the moment my heart shattered when you informed me of your inevitable decision. I will always hold our memories dear.

Still, friendship is the one thing I cannot give you.

The only thing bothering me now is that I cannot believe you gave me the ultimate "It's not you, it's me."



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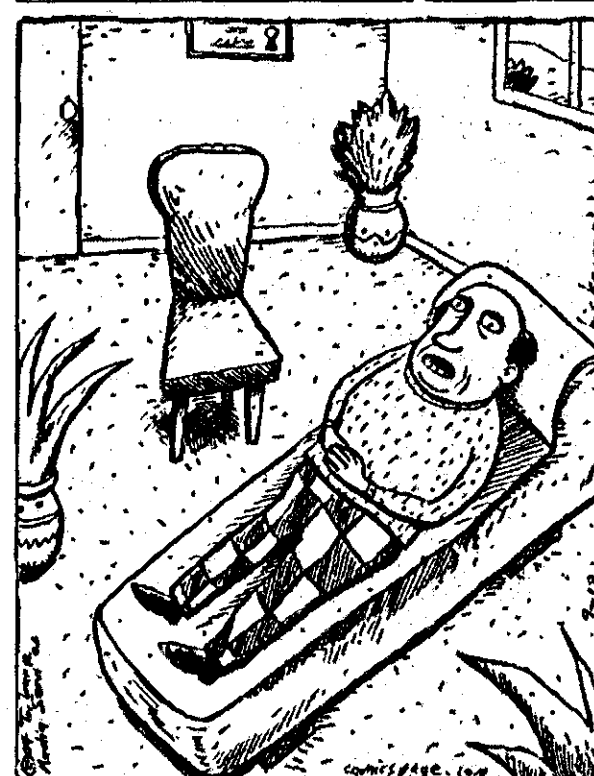
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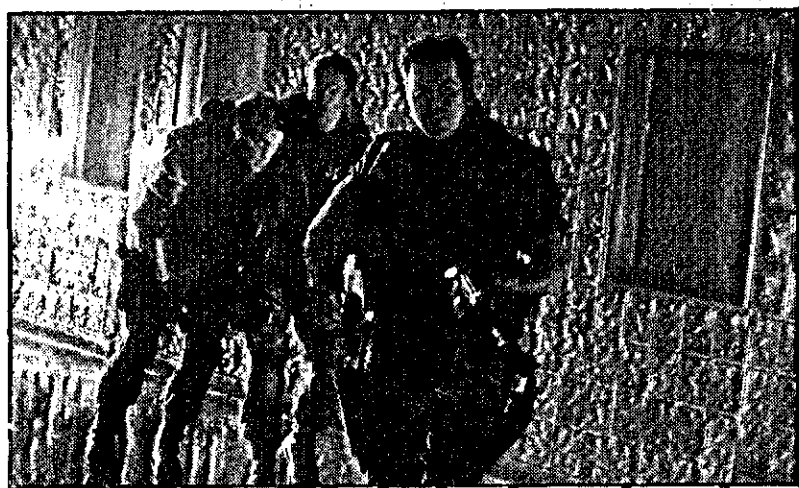
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Sequel presents predictable plot

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Understanding that video game and comic book adaptations into movies have been seriously lacking is anything but resembling a good movie.

The sequel to Resident Evil really does a good job in context of an obvious middle movie in at least a trilogy. In a word Resident Evil, apocalypse is 'adequate'.

Picking up where the end of the first movie left off, an elite military agent, Alice (Jovovich) finds herself stranded in the ruins of Raccoon City, following a virus outbreak, which has turned the city's inhabitants into bloodthirsty zombies.

Searching for a way to contain the virus, Alice teams up with other survivors, who include Jill Valentine (Guillory), who finds that she is being hunted down by a massive monster called Nemesis (Mabius).

Even though the movie plot pulls a lot from the first movie, it does a decent job of standing on

its own.

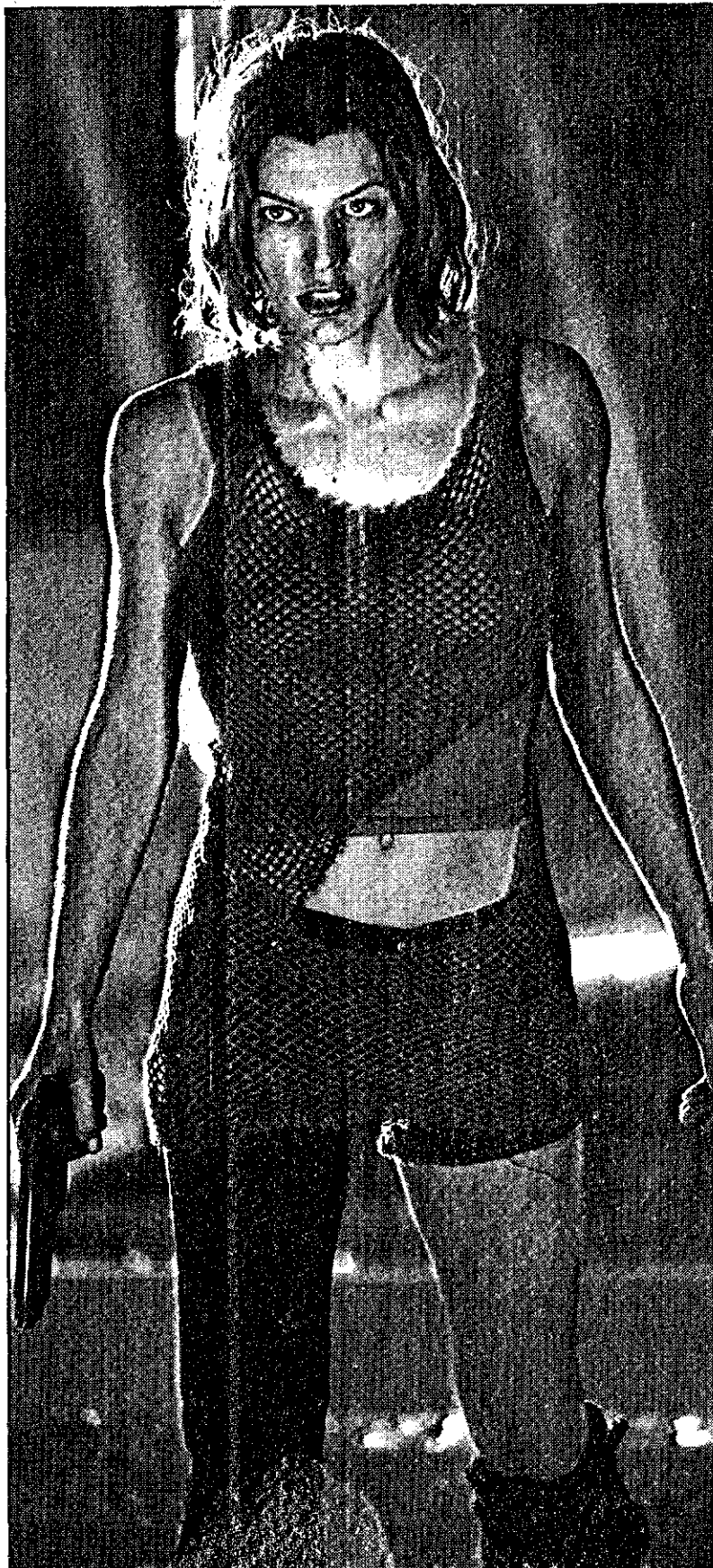
You get a clear sense that there is a third installment in the works as you sit in the theater seat. If you are a big fan of the game and the first movie, this fact is most likely a big plus, but for those who watch the movie looking for a good action pact power house zombie movie (not that there are many good zombie movies to begin with), then you will be disappointed.

The action is survival based and the interruptions of the main goal, which is to rescue the daughter of one of the main engineers, is tedious and contrived.

The mini showdowns between Alice and the Nemesis ghoul are very simple and choreographed in a final battle style, when it was apparent that it wasn't.

There really is not much better that you can say about the movie than it is adequate.

It may be a bit simple and indirect even vague, but hey, the movie is the same way.



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Music offers free concerts

◆ Department invites students to Burnight Theatre and Student Center, concerts are also open to the public

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"There has never been a culture or society without music infused into its everyday life," said David Betancourt, Director of Bands & Orchestras at Cerritos College.

Betancourt will be directing many ensembles this year during the Cerritos College Music Department Concert Series on campus. In this concert series, different ensemble groups will display their wide array of talents not only for students at Cerritos College, but for members of the community as well.

Open to the public, the concerts held throughout the school year are free of charge to students, and cheaply priced to anyone else who is interested. They are mainly held in the Burnight Theatre or in the Student Center. These concerts happen almost weekly from September through December, heading into the next semester.

A vast variety of music will be displayed at these concerts, everything from jazz to classical. Besides instrumental groups, there are also choirs that perform regularly throughout the concert series.

"I think it's very important

that people attend these concerts on campus," said Dr. Christine Lopez, Chair of the Music department, "it's a good way for faculty and students to see how good the program is. It's a good way for us to recruit new people who are interested in joining the program. It's something that the community can appreciate."

"Supported by the ASCC, the Cerritos College music department is well off," Lopez said "our funding allows us to bring in special guests on campus throughout the year."

Special Guests usually require little or no admission.

So how much work goes into putting these concerts together? "A lot of work goes into putting these concerts together," Betancourt explained.

Performance groups rehearse every week. Every ensemble will perform a minimum of three times a semester. "There's a variety of music. The concerts are free and students should take advantage of everything that the campus has to offer."

With a busy calendar ahead, special guests to be announced, and much anticipation from the directors in the Music Department, students are strongly encouraged to show their support, soak in the music community, and attend these free concerts.

For more information, call the Cerritos College Music Department at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629. Or, visit the Music Department online by going to www.cerritos.edu and clicking on the music department link.

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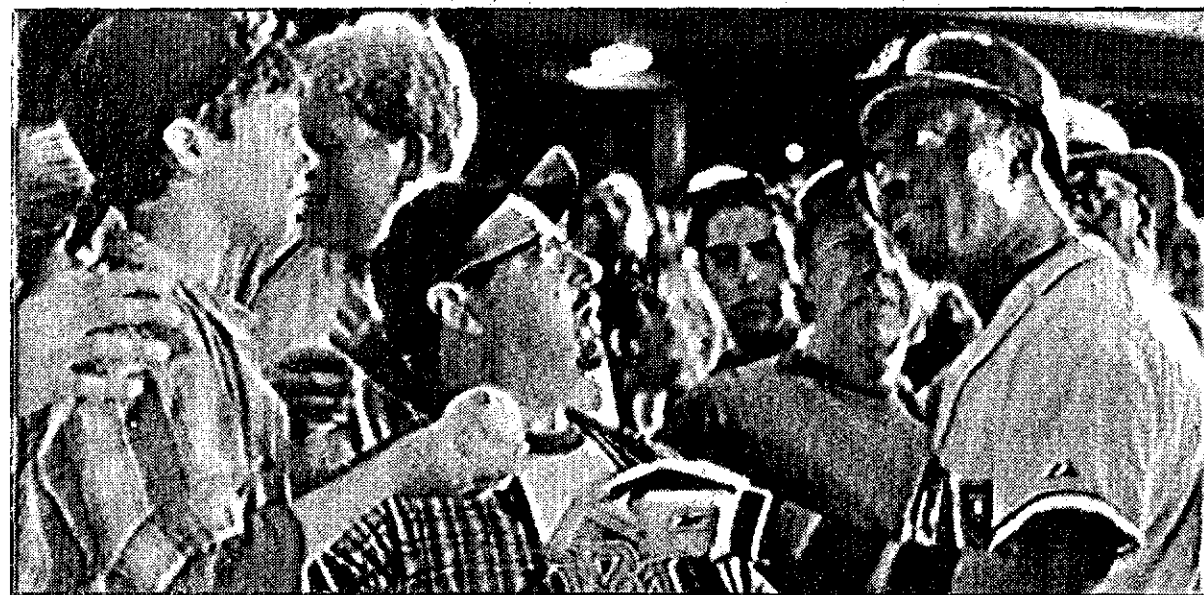


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Minor league laughs, major league miss

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"Mr. 3000," stars Bernie Mac in his first lead debut in a Hollywood blockbuster. The movie is an absolute "hit." Although slow in the beginning and a bit corny, it has a simple, yet pleasant plot carrying a very good message.

An egotistical baseball player in his day, Bernie Mac decides to retire once he bats his 3,000 hit. He cannot wait to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, along with other players who have been immortalized by having their records and their names placed in the Hall of Fame.

However, when the Board that determines the inductees runs Mac's numbers, it discovers that there is a flaw in the counting of his hits. Mac is short of three hits, leaving him with only 2,997 hits.

It seems he has struck out, but then, he decides to come back out of retirement to reclaim his place among the

greatest. This is when the story really begins.

The movie is quite touching, and if anything, forces you to reflect if only for an instant, upon the fact that no man is a mountain. This is one of the lessons that Mr. 3000 learns the hard way.

His egotism during his career leaves him without friend's years later, but his return from retirement allows him to try once again, to form a bond with his new teammates, and to get in touch with himself.

Of course, as in all Hollywood movies, there is a bit of romance in this movie. Yet the romance plays very well into the plot and it isn't an attempt to throw a sexual scene just for the sake of having one.

His relationship with the ESPN reporter is also a catalyst in his self-realization and therefore, becomes a vital component to the plot of the movie. It is, unlike others, which leave you wondering whether there is any purpose for the romance other than to

attract a broader audience.

Mr. 3000 also plays on a bit of nostalgia felt by those who have left a sport, and who wish they could go back for only one game. The movie is a sort of fulfillment of this, despite it being fictional, since Bernie Mac is able to return, and once again live the love that is the game.

Of course, one cannot ignore the comic aspect of the movie as well. After all, it is Bernie Mac. Although the movie is not necessarily hilarious the entire time, it is consistently entertaining throughout.

It is one of those rare movies that make you laugh not through curse words, and stupidity, but through funny situations, it is all in good taste.

All in all, Mr. 3000 has all the makings not of a great movie, or a classic, but of a simple and entertaining one that touches on all four bases, it will make you laugh, it will touch you, it carries a good message, and is just overall fun for all audiences.



MARIA GUTIERREZ/TM

Long Beach puts the breaks on a Falcon run at goal when the Vikings goalie blocked a shot, while No. 15 and No. 14 of Cerritos watch

Vikings sink Cerritos College

❖ Men's water polo team loses to archrival LBCC

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In a game where driver Michael Alvarado was one tally short of a hat trick, the Cerritos College men's water polo team fell six tallies short of a victory against its rival Long Beach City College.

The Falcons have now lost to the Vikings for the fourth time in as many tries, this time by a score of 15-9.

The water polo team played aggressively this past Wednesday in a challenging close game.

Unfortunately, as aggressive as they were, they were defeated.

The Falcons tried their hardest to beat the other team but it wasn't enough.

The Vikings, who as Coach Joe Abing pointed out, were very physical and also a very good team.

According to Abing, the rea-

son they weren't doing so well in the first half was because of their turnovers, "they gave the other team too many opportunities to use their [Falcons'] mistakes against them."

The Falcons did make a comeback.

They got smart and adjusted to the physical Viking play.

But it was just a little too late into the game.

A victim of Long Beach's

physicality was utility player Curtis Jolley, who took an elbow to the face and resulted in an injury to the right side of his face.

Although bloody, he was not severely hurt.

The guys had a good first half.

They played a very close game with quarter ending scores of 5-4 and 7-5, with the Vikings leading.

The team goalie played very

defensively, and was like a brick wall for the most part.

All of the players played very defensively, they also had a very strong offense.

Whole guard, Mike Kim, who scored to bring the Falcons within two before half time, commented after the game, "Overall, we had a pretty good game, but we [as a team] needed better passes, and a better control of the ball."

Injuries drown Falcons

❖ Women's water polo loses opener to LBCC Vikings.

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Hampered by injuries, the defending women's state champion water polo team came into Wednesday's game with only one player available for substitution, which made no difference in the lopsided 17-3 loss to Long Beach City College.

This Wednesday, the team will travel to Pasadena City for a 3 p.m. South Coast

Conference match.

According to Coach Glen Myers, the Falcons, "strayed from the game plan, and... suffered because of it," right from the start.

Playing with just enough players to not forfeit, the Falcons managed to keep the score close through most of the first period.

They lost goalie Angie Settle, when she injured her hand and left the team with no substitutes for most of the second half.

According to Myer, "Angie did a good job in the cage before she got injured."

Settle injured her hand on one of her blocks and Belinda Cortez was her replacement.

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Tigers touchdown on a streak

❖ Riverside plays host to the latest loss in the young football season.

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With 7:23 left in the fourth quarter, kicker Craig James scored three points by kicking a 23-yard field goal that kicked off the start of a 10 point rally by the Cerritos College Football Falcons this past Saturday.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, the Riverside College Tigers had accounted for the 10 points by posting 34 points of their own and wound up winning the game by a score of 34-10.

The only Falcon touchdown came off a Tiger fumble in the fourth

quarter. With the game, already too far out of reach, freshman quarterback Joshua Williams threw a 13 yard strike to wide receiver Anthony Oliver for six points.

That touchdown was the first and last of the night for the Falcons who netted only 43 total offensive yards for the night.

The rest of the stats and highlights belonged to the Tigers who won the match up on both sides of the field by forcing six turnovers, which led to 31 points.

It was a tough night for an offense that, according to Head Coach

Frank Mazzotta, was supposed to be better and more talented than last years group, but wound up losing star running back, Daniel Dixon.

Dixon went down for the rest of the year in the first game, against Chaffey College, of the season.

The game fell away from the Falcons early as they gave up a fumble in the second play from scrimmage and then went on to drop a punt.

The Falcons were down 10-0 early on and never recovered.

The Falcons now drop to 1-2 on the season and will travel to Pasadena City College for the first Mission Conference game of the year, this Saturday at 7

p.m.

Starting quarter back Kevin Brown had a dreadful night.

He completed just 10-of-19 passes for only 51 yards in the game the night.

Three of his attempts were picked off on the night pushing his number up to five for the year and he was benched for the remainder of the game.

The rushing game, which was a big question mark after Dixon went down for the season, was led by freshman tailback, Brian Campbell.

Campbell rushed 45 yards but was nowhere near competitive against the 243 rushing yards that Riverside posted on the Falcon defense.

The void left by Dixon was filled last week, in Cerritos' only victory (against Compton College) by Bo Renaud with 89 yard rushing and one touch down, who did not factor into this week's game.

After three games, Oliver now has one touchdown on 111 yards receiving. He has done it on 11 receptions with 45 yards being his longest reception.

So far this season, James has been the most consistent scorer for the Falcons.

He is now 5-for-5 in extra point attempts, 3-for-3 in field goal attempts, a long of 40 yards, and now has 14 of the Falcons' 56 points this year.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first foreigner to manage a pro baseball team in Japan on two separate occasions?
2. Entering this season, when was the last time a Minnesota Twins player hit 30 or more home runs in a season?
3. Ohio State's Archie Griffin set an NCAA record beginning in 1973 for most consecutive regular-season games of rushing for 100 or more yards. How many games was it?
4. Don Nelson is the second coach in NBA history to win 250 games for three teams. Who was the first?
5. True or false: Eric Lindros has never won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player.
6. Who was the first American to break the four-minute-mile mark?
7. Four PGA golfers hold the record for best four-day score in a U.S. Open (272). Name them.

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Falcon gets big honor

Heather Martin, who helped lead the Cerritos College softball team to their first South Coast Conference championship since 1990, was named the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Diamond Sports Catcher of the Year for California Community Colleges.

Martin, who was named to the All-State team, led the Falcons with a .459 batting average.

She also led the team in hits (62), runs (38), RBI (39) total bases (92), triples (5), home runs (4) and stolen bases (14).

She also made just three errors during the entire season, good for a fielding percentage of .977.

The award is presented to NFCA member schools in each of the following 10 divisions: NCAA (Divisions I, II and III), NAIA, NJCAA (Divisions I, II and III), California JC, NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) and high school.

The 2004 Diamond Sports Catcher of the Year awards were determined by divisional committees made up of NFCA member coaches.

RB done for season

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The Falcons are suffering from a fallen wing as running back, Daniel Dixon, team runs into an injury making him unable to play for the season.

According to, head football coach Frank Mazzotta, Dixon is currently being prepared for surgery.

"At first," Mazzotta said, "We will suffer some bumps and some hard hits, as this one and

we plan on working it out to improve, it will be hard but I feel we can do it as a team."

Dixon is a two-time All-Star, All-CIF, Century League Most Valuable Player.

He was also his team's MVP through his senior year at high school.

Dixon is majoring in psychology and he working on a minor in Business.

Daniel was a key team player. According to Mazzotta, he will return to play next fall.

SUPER SIZED CHEW

Sport Bonds rather weak

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What's up with baseball turning into a one-man show lately?

That's right. The coverage of our national pastime (wait...is baseball still our national pastime or has competitive journalism taken over? Because its on if it has) has now, in the mits of a Barry tight playoff race, stopped following teams and is now riding on a Barry bias Barry Bonds brown nosing campaign.

Don't get me wrong. What Barry has done is amazing and has only been done by two other players. He does deserve massive amounts of adoration from his fan club, which as a Dodger Blue bleeding maniac, I am not a part of, but give me a break. At least wait till he is at 714 or even better, 799 to let him dominate the sports headlines.

So, can we get on with baseball now or what? By the way I hit 800 homeruns on Nintendo 64's Sammy Sosa baseball and you don't see me bragging.

For those who have not been saturated by the greatest hype story since LeBron James entered the NBA, the San Francisco Giants' outfielder has finally joined the 700 club by blasting a shot of the San Diego Padres' Jake Peavy.

He joins the rare, now three member club, as the third on the all time home-run list.

Seriously, we need some serious Supreme Court intervention here to stop Major League Barryball from destroying my childhood image of the greatest team sport in the world.

I subscribe to a text messaging service that sends me the top three Associated Press sports headlines every night and for the past week, the top headline is a Barry line.

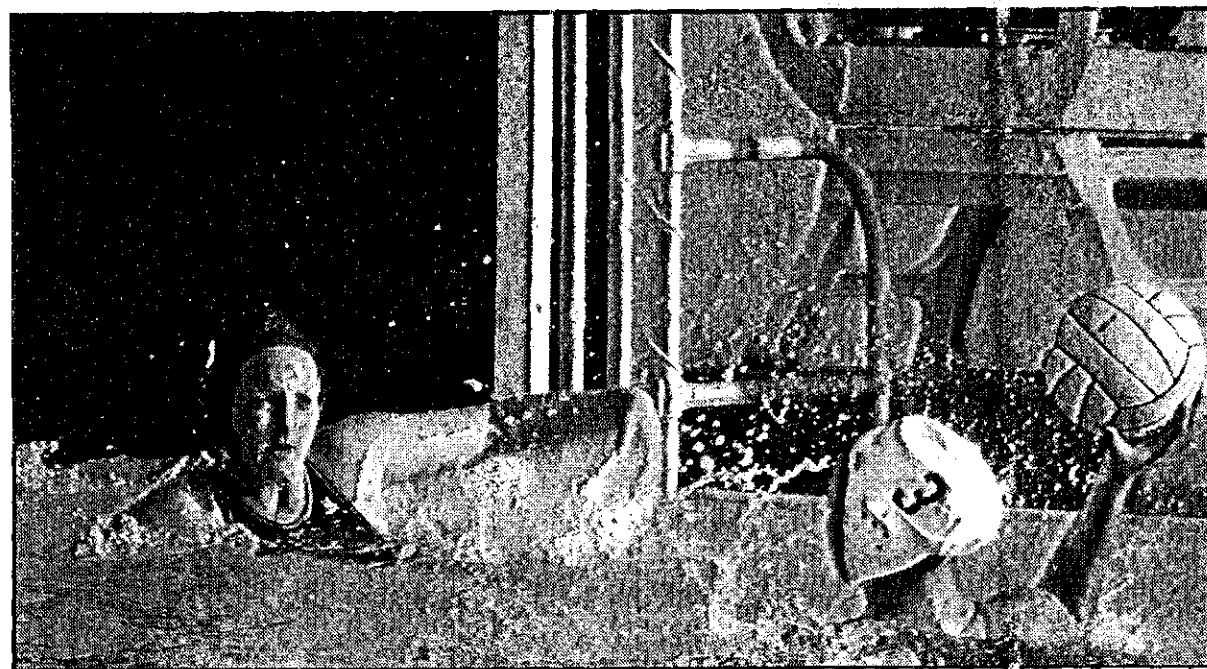
So what's worse than news about Barry?

No news about Barry.

That's right before Barry cracked his lucky seven homer, homer, I mean homer, the headlines read "Barry stays at 699" or "No 700 for Barry."

I know what you think-

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No. 3, for the Falcons, Christina Glanakakos, attempts to get the ball through the Viking defensive line

WATER POLO:

Long Beach Vikings also beat the women's team

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At the end of the first period, the team trailed, 4-1. Freshman Melody Calderon scored the team's first goal.

"We did what we could against a very tough team," said utility player, Crystal Reulas.

Myer believes that with better attendance

and more practice, "the ladies will have better games and will be a lot more prepared."

The team's leading scorer, freshman Christina Glanakakos broke her thumb in practice last week. Freshman goalie, Angie Settle, suffered a broken thumb in the loss.



No. 8 Ruelas is submerged by the Viking D

Redskins lose one for Gibbs

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Week two was a tough game for redskins coach, Joe Gibbs who watched his quarterback, Mark Brunell, go down in the third quarter to a hamstring injury.

Brunell went out, but not before making some

errors.

He wound up throwing an interception and fumbling the ball.

Patrick Ramsey, who replaced Brunell, came in to throw three interceptions and starting tailback Clinton Portis fumbled the ball twice in the loss.

Next week, the Gibbs will put on his best cowboy scalping war paint as the Redskins will host the Dallas Cowboys on Monday Night Football.

Sports teasers...follow the mouse

❖ Falcon volleyball and cross country get online

Falcons run across cuesta

Volleyball kills at tourney

The Falcons, have scored a combined total of 276 kills, 114 of them belonging to this season's top volleyball murderer, Shanell McMillen who saw her first real success this past weekend as her team finished second in the Santa Ana Tournament.

Vincent Rojas and Jesessa Botello ran into the cross country Cuesta Invitational last Friday and beat everyone else on their team to finish line; unfortunately neither one of them was fast enough to secure an overall first place win, their teams finished sixth and fourth place respectively.

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BONDS:

The news is saturated with Barry

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ing, "Maybe nothing else happened in sports worth noting," right...wrong.

Kobe Bryant's taped police interviews were leaked, the NFL began the regular season, the BCS still sucks, and oh yeah the tightest playoff race in quite some time is coming to a close as the baseball world still turns, with or without Barry's great accomplishment.

Here I am every night, browsing through espn.com, waiting for the headline that will no doubt ably read: "Payoffs, World Series forgone, Barry wins it all" or "Can Barry end the war in Iraq?" or the clincher "Barry's foul ball hits Bush in the head, President grateful and offers Barry head of CIA post."

So since I can't beat them and joining them is the obvious alternative, here are some Barry related stories I would like to see as the top three sports stories every night.

"I admit I don't like Barry,

but he knows this, so it's cool."

That's right. I've yelled at that bum for years from my six dollar seats in the pavilion at Dodger Stadium and I wasn't drunk or anything.

Don't get me wrong, I would have been except for the fact that Chaves Ravine has this ludicrous policy of not selling beer to minors and when I finally am of legal age, refuses to sell beer in the pavilion.

Two more things I blame on Barry.

"Let's not forget who Barry plays for."

That's right. He's a Giant. Worse yet, he's a San Francisco "Baseball Giant." Let's not forget that. You know what San Francisco has a lot of right?

Yeah, that's right it has a lot of Giants' Fans.

I wouldn't be surprised if Frisco Mayor Gavin Newsom declares Barry legally married to the MVP award anytime soon.

I would understand if Barry played for the Dodgers, then he would be the greatest player on earth, but the Giants. Come on, give me a break.

"Barry retires from batting will become pitcher."

If Mr. No-October is really going to become the greatest

baseball player of all time than barring a trade to the Dodgers, he is going to have to be a pitcher. Babe (Ruth) is hands down the greatest of all time because he did pitch and because he won with the Red Sox, which is unbelievable even in your average Will Smith movie.

The Babe did it, not only on both sides of the field, but on both sides of the baseball. He also did it in a time when baseballs were made of rocks and bats were sticks torn off of nearby trees...ok I'm exaggerating, but still, it was harder to blast 700 homers in the pre-BALCO era.

The only thing that the Babe didn't do was pitch to himself, which would have made him the all time greatest professional player of all time. That title currently might rest on Michael Jordan's shoulders after he played against himself in a one-on-one game in a Gatorade commercial, which is way more believable than most Will Smith movies.

By the way, I always wondered who won that game...my money is on Jordan.

So despite all his accomplishments and milestones he still has no World Series rings.

So sad. So sorry.



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